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**VIA EXPRESS MAIL NO.: ER 052433510 US**

In re application of : Otto Gossweiler  
Docket No. : 10564/54.2  
Serial No. : 10/715,434  
Filed : November 19, 2003  
Art Unit : 1724  
Examiner : Jason M. Greene  
Title : SELF-SEALING PROTECTION FILTER PORT

MS AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED AUGUST 19, 2005**

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Honorable Commissioner:

Enclosed please find the following:

1. Response to the Office Action dated August 19, 2005.
2. A Petition for a three-month extension of time.
3. Our check in the amount of \$510.00 to cover the fee for a three-month extension of time.
4. Our post card. Please date stamp and return.

Applicant hereby asserts that it is entitled to small entity status.


Also, please charge any unanticipated fees, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No.: 50-1479 (a duplicate copy of this charge authorization is attached).

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Respectfully Submitted,  
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ATTACHMENTS: 1. *Response* to the *Office Action* dated August 19, 2005.  
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4. Copy of this *Transmittal* for accounting purposes.  
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